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The campaign for gathering in the harvest is in full swing, and the newspapers are full of instructions, letters, criticisms, and praises in regard to this work and its state of progress. According to available information on the country as a whole, the harvest this year is exceptionally abundant in all regions and especially in Dobruzha (northeastern Bulgaria), often called the granary of Bulgaria, where the farmers unanimously declare that they have not seen such an abundance for the past 10-20 years. Since climatic conditions have been particularly favorable, it seems that this country is engaged in gathering the best harvest since at least 1944, the year the Communists came to power.

Naturally, as in all previous years, the newspapers have been particularly harping on the subject of increased vigilance, which is absolutely essential for defeating all attempts by enemies of the people to sabotage the harvest by damaging agricultural machinery, arson, etc.; they cite examples of acts of sabotage already committed by kulaks.

The introduction of Soviet work methods in agricultural operations is intensified year by year. The latest innovation of this kind is the order given to both collectivized and noncollectivized farmers to harvest the wheat while it is still green, that is, at an intermediate stage between full maturity and non-maturity. This new method, which is intended to prevent the wheat grains from falling on the ground during the harvest and thereby to avoid losses, has caused confusion in rural areas; the farmers do not dare to undertake anything for fear of being considered saboteurs if they harvest too early or too late under the new method. The fear of the farmers, both collectivized and noncollectivized, is fully justified; the newspapers mention a number of cases in which the harvest did not take place at the proper time, and they place the blame on subversive acts inspired by enemies of the people in rural areas.

To accelerate the gathering of the harvest and assure a continuity of work, the authorities have ordered that the harvest be conducted night and day without any stoppage. For this purpose the farmers must be divided into various labor brigades. For the same purpose and to demonstrate better the close cooperation which exists between city dwellers and villagers, the authorities have also ordered labor brigades of city dwellers to be sent to the villages on Sundays and holidays.

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The city dwellers, forced by their enterprises to go to the country in groups and, under supervision, to help the farmers in their field work, naturally fulfill this obligation reluctantly, all the more so because there are very few of them who know anything about such work. The farmers themselves look scornfully upon these people from the city, who are not able to help them but who, on the contrary, hinder them in their work.

In each village there are surveillance patrols consisting of Communists sent by the party city committees to direct the work in the villages. These assure full implementation of government directives, and above all, guarantee the fulfillment of the plan for compulsory deliveries to the state.

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